

14. (Twice Amended) A laminated composite wood product made by a method comprising the steps of:

(a) forming a layered structure comprising a rigid substrate layer having two substantially flat sides, a resin-saturated alpha cellulose sheet layer disposed on each of said sides, and a veneer layer disposed on only one of said sheet layers, and

(b) subjecting said structure to elevated temperature and pressure in a pressing apparatus for a time sufficient to cure said resin at said temperature and pressure.

17. (Twice Amended) A laminated composite wood product comprising a rigid substrate layer having two substantially flat sides, a resin-saturated alpha cellulose sheet layer on each of said substantially flat sides, and a veneer layer on only one of said sheet layers.

37. (Twice Amended) An unwarped laminated composite wood product made by a method comprising the steps of:

(a) forming a layered structure comprising a rigid substrate layer having two substantially flat sides, a resin-saturated alpha cellulose sheet layer disposed on each of said sides, and a veneer layer disposed on only one of said sheet layers; and

(b) subjecting said structure to elevated temperature and pressure in a pressing apparatus for a time sufficient to cure said resin at said temperature and pressure, said pressing apparatus comprising a first platen and a second platen, said first platen operating at a temperature different from an operating temperature of said second platen, to provide an unwarped, laminated composite wood product.

51. (Amended) A laminated composite wood product made by a method comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a rigid substrate layer having two substantially flat sides;

(b) providing, on each of said sides of the substrate layer, an alpha cellulose sheet layer that is substantially saturated with a thermosetting melamine resin;